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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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PLAINTIFF		DEFENDANT		
DONNELLY CORPORATION		BRITAX RAINSFORDS INC BRITAX VISION SYSTEMS		
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN FEB 10 PM 3: 39
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DONNELLY CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

Case No.

1.9801127

VS.

BRITAX RAINSFORDS INC., d/b/a BRITAX VISION SYSTEMS (NORTH AMERICA) INC.

Defendant.

David W. McKeague U.S. District Judge

COMPLAINT

For its Complaint herein, plaintiff Donnelly Corporation avers as follows:

- 1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c) and 1400(b).
- 2. Plaintiff, Donnelly Corporation ("Donnelly"), is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, having its principal place of business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, within the Western District of Michigan.
- 3. Defendant, Britax Rainsfords Inc., d/b/a Britax Vision Systems (North America) Inc. ("Britax") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, having a place of business at 1855 Busha Highway, Marysville, Michigan 48040. On information and belief, Britax is doing business within the Western District of Michigan.

- 4. On December 6, 1994, United States Letters Patent No. 5,371,659 (the "'659 patent") entitled "Remote-Actuated Exterior Vehicle Security Light" was duly and legally issued to Donnelly as assignee of the inventors, Todd W. Pastrick, Linda K. Molencamp and Roger L. Koops. Since that time, Donnelly has been and still is the sole owner of the '659 patent and of the right to recover for any and all infringement thereof. A true copy of the '659 patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 5. Britax has made, used, sold and offered for sale to customers, including at least Ford Motor Company, rearview mirrors incorporating remote-actuated exterior vehicle security lights. These acts, sales, and offers for sale are without right, license or permission from Donnelly.
- 6. By the acts, sale and offers for sale referred to in paragraph 5, Britax has infringed, contributorily infringed, and induced others to infringe the '659 patent. Upon information and belief, these infringing activities have been willful and will continue unless enjoined by this Court.
- 7. Donnelly has been damaged by Britax's infringement, contributory infringement and inducement of infringement of the '659 patent, and will be irreparably harmed if these infringing activities are not enjoined. Donnelly does not have an adequate remedy at law.
- 8. Donnelly has marked its products which are intended for use in practicing the invention of the '659 patent in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 287(a).
- 9. This is an exceptional case, and Donnelly is entitled to an award of costs, reasonable attorneys' fees and three times its actual damages.

WHEREFORE, Donnelly prays for judgment that:

- A. Donnelly is the sole owner of the '659 patent and of the right to recover for any and all infringement thereof;
- B. Britax has infringed, contributorily infringed and induced infringement of the '659 patent, and that these infringing activities have been willful;
- C. Britax, its officers, agents, servants and employees, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from further infringement, contributory infringement or inducement of infringement of the '659 patent;
- D. Donnelly be awarded its damages caused by the infringing activities of Britax, and the damages so ascertained be trebled and awarded to Donnelly together with interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- E. Donnelly be awarded such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Donnelly hereby demands trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: February 10, 1998

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